

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-10, and 13-14 are pending in the application. In the non-final Office Action of July 25, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-10, and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Olsen* in view of *Uchenick* and further in view of *Coley, et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and addresses the Examiner's disposition below.

Independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 14, each as amended, each claim subject matter relating to a first information stored inside a software. An encoded second or third information is transmitted/received for matching against the first information each time the user uses the software. The second or third information is encrypted using a first key and decrypted using a second key. The software is enabled when the information match.

This is clearly unlike *Olsen* in view of *Uchenick* and *Coley*. *Olsen* discloses obtaining an encrypted license from a licensing database. The license is decrypted using a public key and a private key. As acknowledged by the Examiner, *Olsen* fails to disclose a first information that is stored inside the software. Further, since *Olsen*'s license is merely a license, it is not matched against anything, let alone a first information that is stored inside the software.

*Uchenick* teaches a first key that is included in a software. The first key is matched against a second key that is included in a plug-in device. The Examiner argues that *Uchenick*'s first and second key can be combined with *Olsen*'s license to disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. As discussed above, *Olsen*'s license is merely a license. It is not matched against anything, and there is no suggestion in *Olsen* that *Olsen*'s license should be matched against anything. *Uchenick*'s first key and second key are clearly unrelated to *Olsen*'s license. *Uchenick*'s first and second keys have a purpose of being matched against each other to enable a software. On the other hand *Olsen*'s license does not relate to something that is matched to something else -- it is merely a license.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that *Olsen* in view of *Uchenick* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 7, 13, and 14.

Further, *Coley* still fails to disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed subject matter discussed above. Therefore, *Olsen* in view of *Uchenick* and further in view of *Coley* still fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 7, 13, and 14.

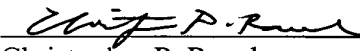
Claims 2-4 and 7-10 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 or 7 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 7 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-4, 7-10, and 13-14 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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